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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 29, 2004 (WITH ONE-MONTH
EXTENSION)**

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 29, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004 for one month from January 29, 2005 to February 28, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0122/WBP the fee of \$120.00 for a one month extension and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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